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SUBJECT: DIRG PLANS TO EXPLORE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL

1. SOURCE OF ESTABLISHED RELIABILITY AND ACCESS REPORTS
DEC. 17 THAT DIRG IN PERSON OF MAJOR SISAY HABTE (POLITICAL
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN) IS PRESSING
FOR PROMPT EXPLORATION OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS
RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA.
2. SISAY TOLD SOURCE THAT HE (SISAY) WOULD SEND DR. FITIGU
TADESSE TO NAIROBI TO ESTABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN THE
ETHIOPIAN AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE ISRAELI
COUNSELOR STATIONED IN THE KENYAN CAPITAL.
3. COMMENT: DR. FITIGU TADESSE, THE ETHIOPIAN CONGEN IN
DJIBOUTI WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR, IS AT LEAST
PARTIALLY OF FALASHA (ETHIOPIAN JEWISH) DESCENT. HE IS A LOGICAL
CHOICE FOR SUCH A MISSION.
4. DIRG WOULD SEEM UNDERSTANDABLY TO PREFER TO PROCEED
AS DESCRIBED ABOVE I.E. TO FOREGO THE USE OF MORE ES-
TABLISHED CHANNELS SUCH AS THE SWEDISH EMBASSY WHICH

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REPRESENTS ISRAELI INTERESTS IN ETHIOPIA OR THE

JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS TRUST WHICH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT
AN ETHIOPIAN PRESENCE IN ISRAEL'S CAPITAL.
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